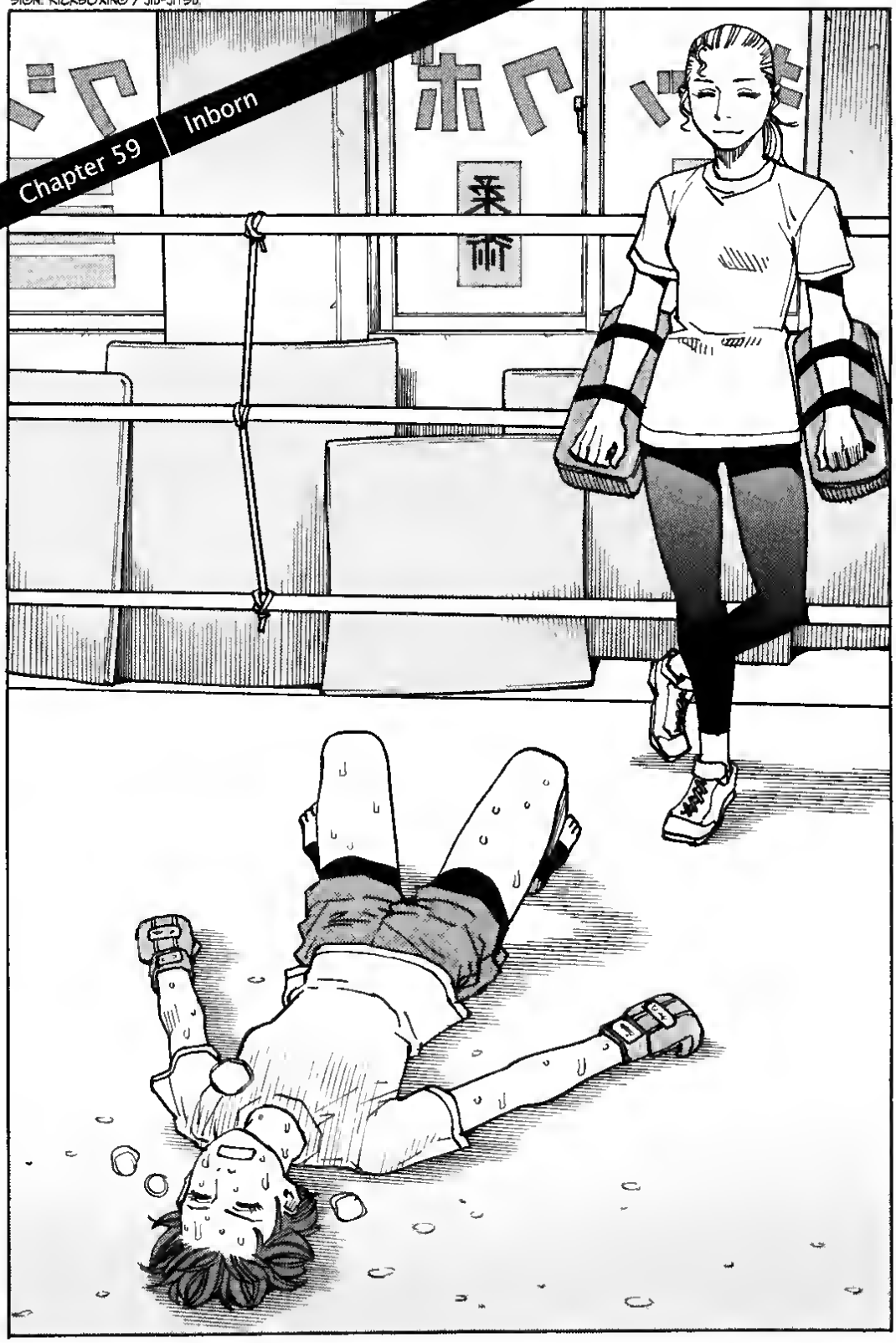
SIGN: KICKBOXING / JIU-JITSU
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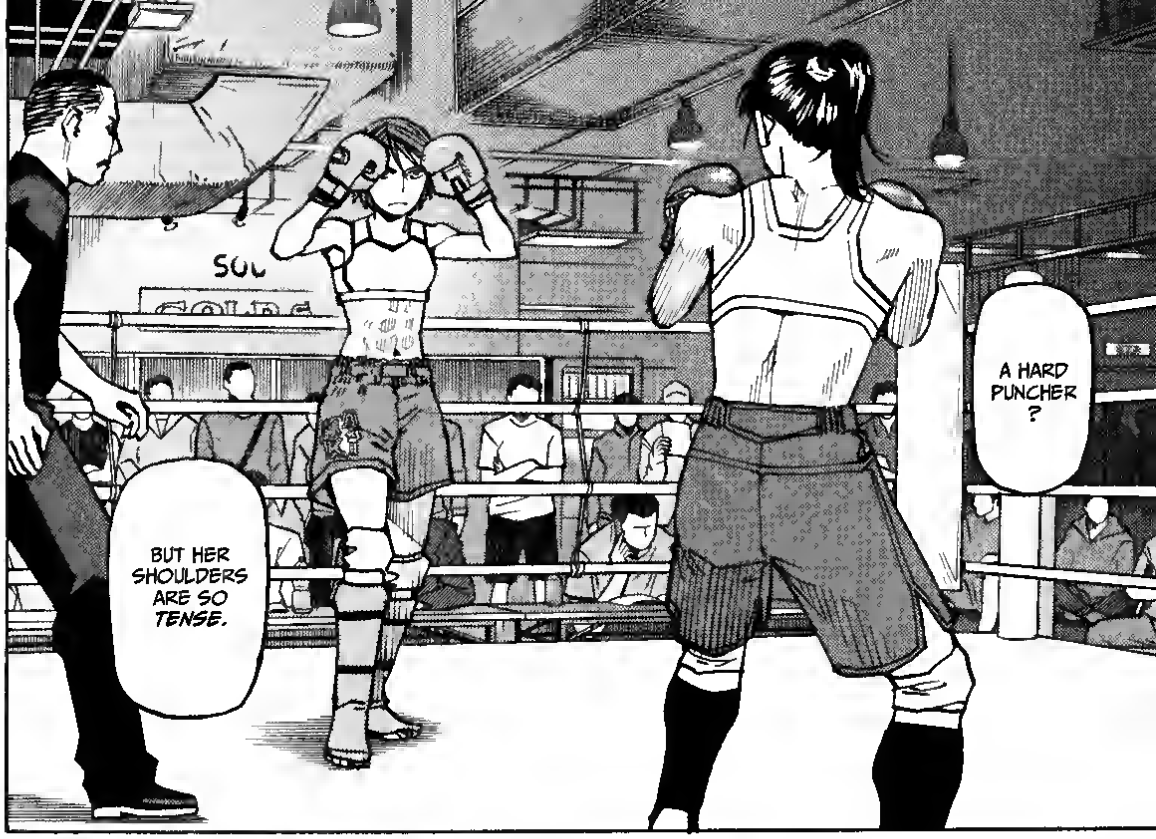
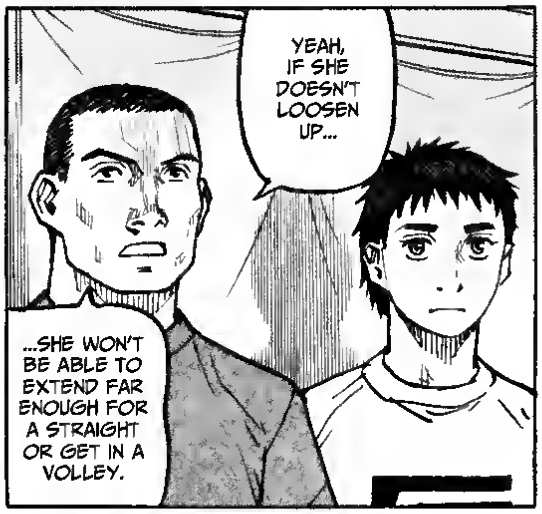
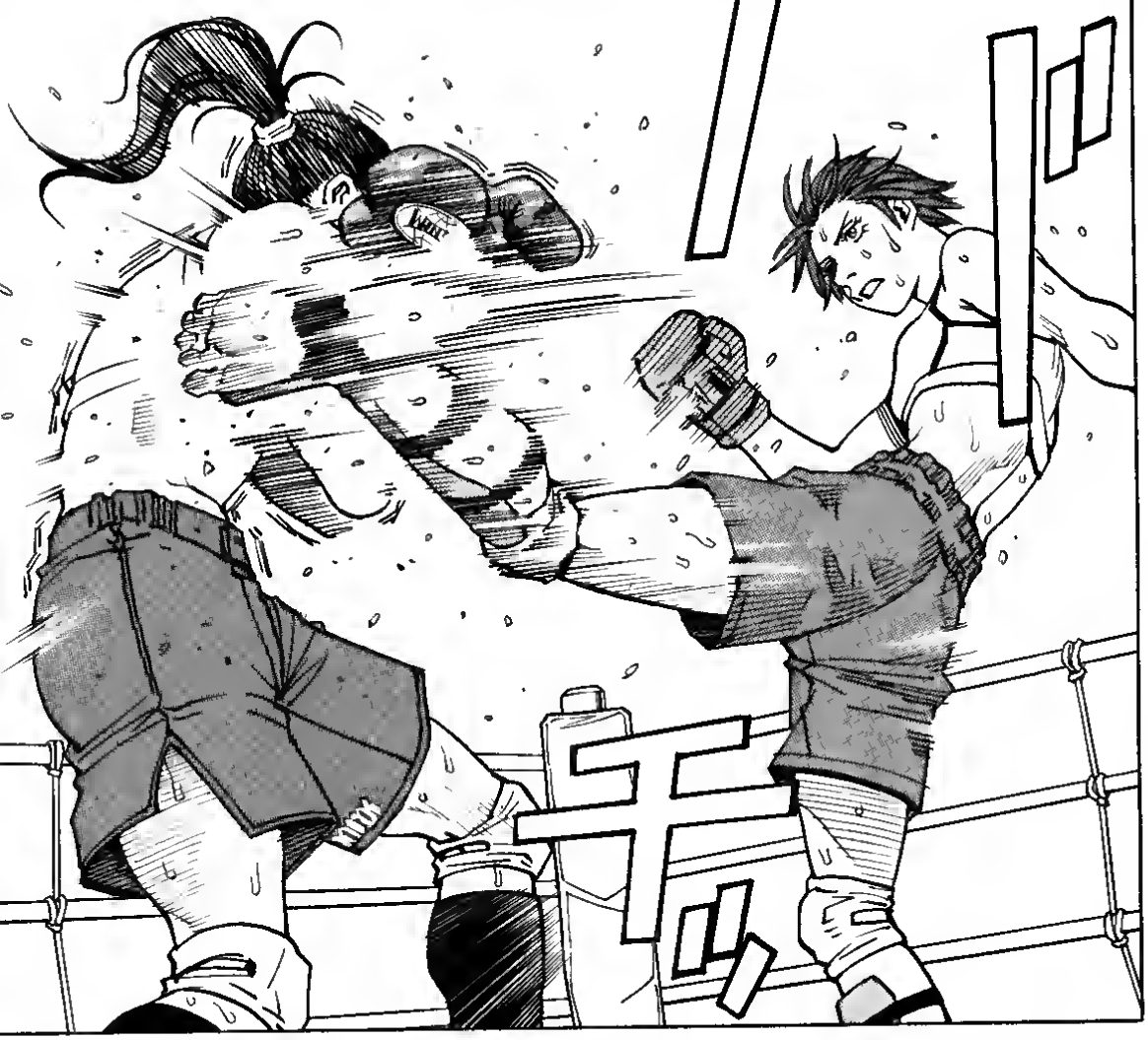

A HARD PUNCHER?
BUT HER SHOULDERS ARE SO TENSE.

ISN'T SHE EVEN GONNA THROW A JAB?
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?


YEAH, IF SHE DOESN'T LOOSEN UP...
...SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO EXTEND FAR ENOUGH FOR A STRAIGHT OR GET IN A VOLLEY.

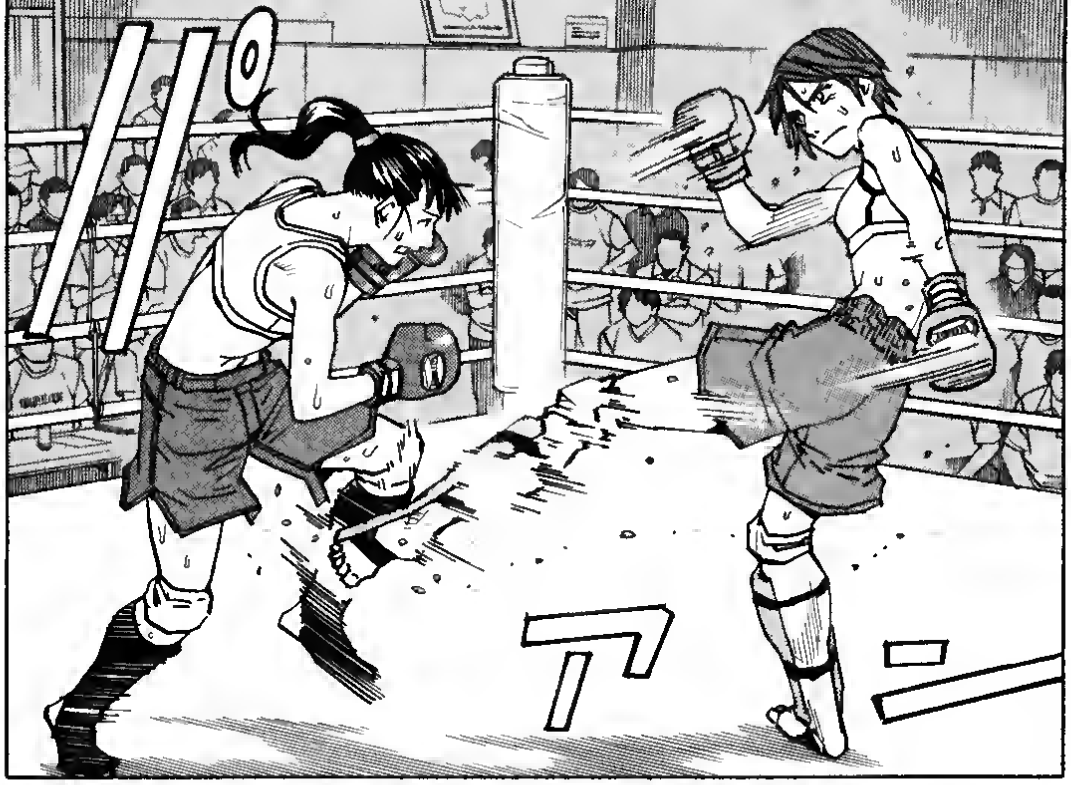
BUT...



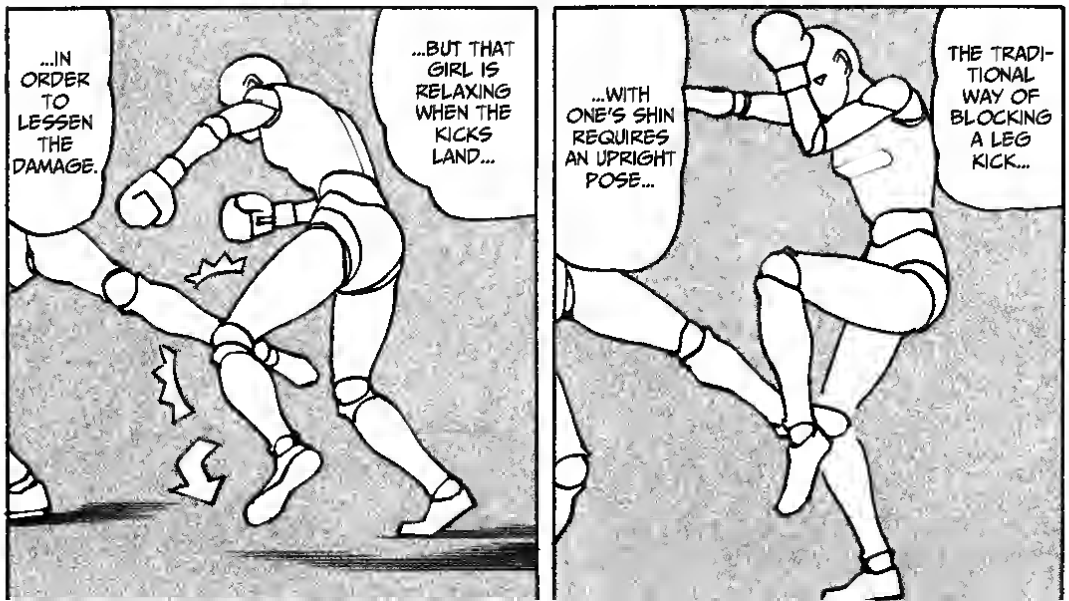
AND HER LEGS ARE MOVING WELL.
THAT'S PROOF SHE'S BEEN PRACTICING.

IF SHE TAKES 2-3 HITS...
...THAT'LL GET THE STIFFNESS OUT.

HER MIDDLE KICK'S GOT A LONG RANGE, TOO!
TWITCH
TWITCH
WINDY



NO.
BUT MAKI'S HITTING HER FRONT LEG...
SHE'S PARRYING.


...IN ORDER TO LESSEN THE DAMAGE.
...BUT THAT GIRL IS RELAXING WHEN THE KICKS LAND...
...WITH ONE'S SHIN REQUIRES AN UPRIGHT POSE...
THE TRADITIONAL WAY OF BLOCKING A LEG KICK...

SHE IS GETTING HIT, AFTER ALL.
WELL ...
STILL, IT LOOKS PAINFUL.
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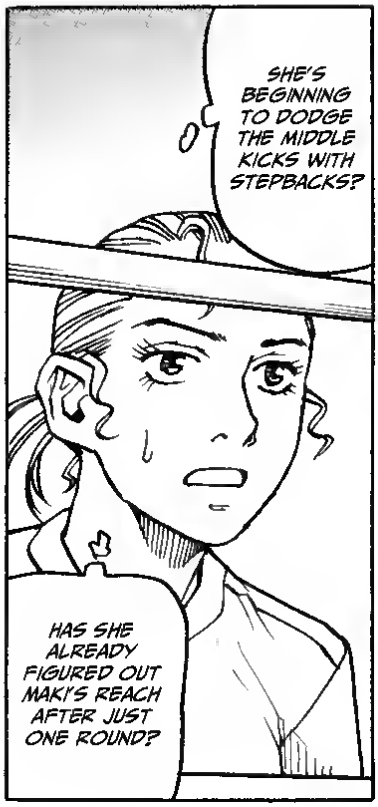
AYA! THAT'S ENOUGH!
NOW, JUST AS WE PRAC-TICED!
THAT GIRL CAN TAKE A LOT.
NO...
SHE'S ACTUALLY BEEN DEFLECTING MAKI'S KICKS.


SHE'S BEGINNING TO DODGE THE MIDDLE KICKS WITH STEPBACKS?
HAS SHE ALREADY FIGURED OUT MAKI'S REACH AFTER JUST ONE ROUND?

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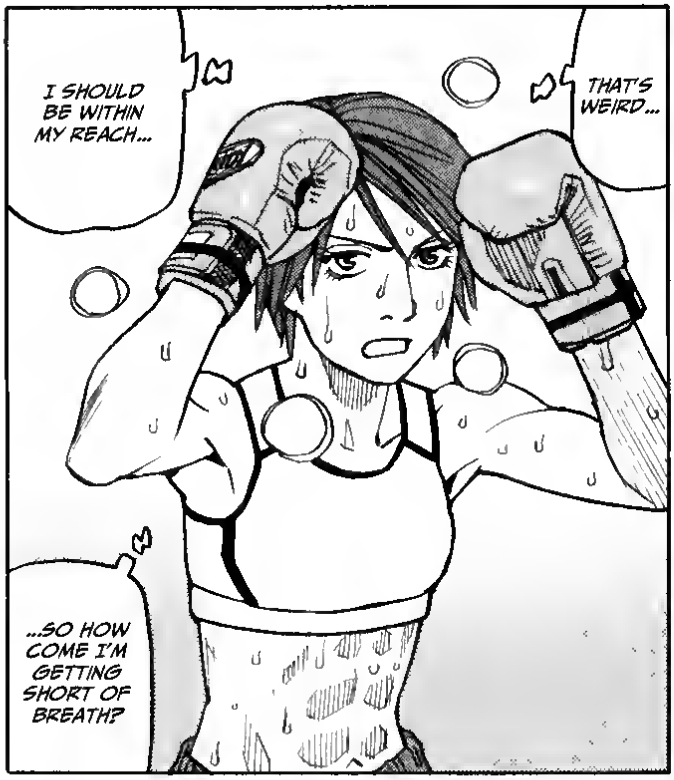
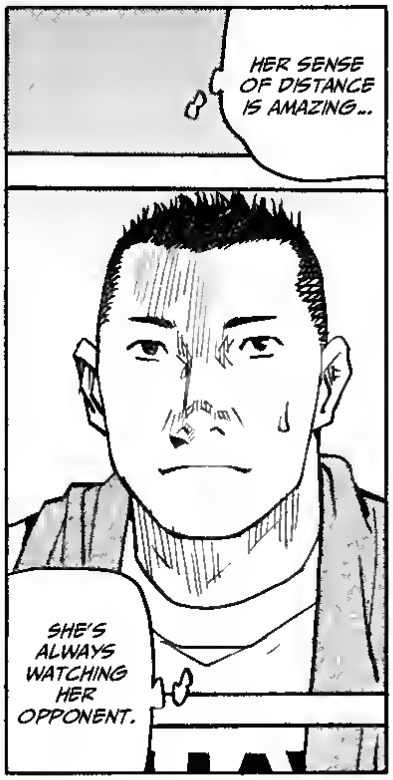

I SHOULD BE WITHIN MY REACH...
THAT'S WEIRD...
...SO HOW COME I'M GETTING SHORT OF BREATH?


HER SENSE OF DISTANCE IS AMAZING...
SHE'S ALWAYS WATCHING HER OPPONENT.

WHEN'D I GET BACK AGAINST THE ROPES?
HUH? NO WAY!
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HERE SHE COMES, MAKI! FOCUS!
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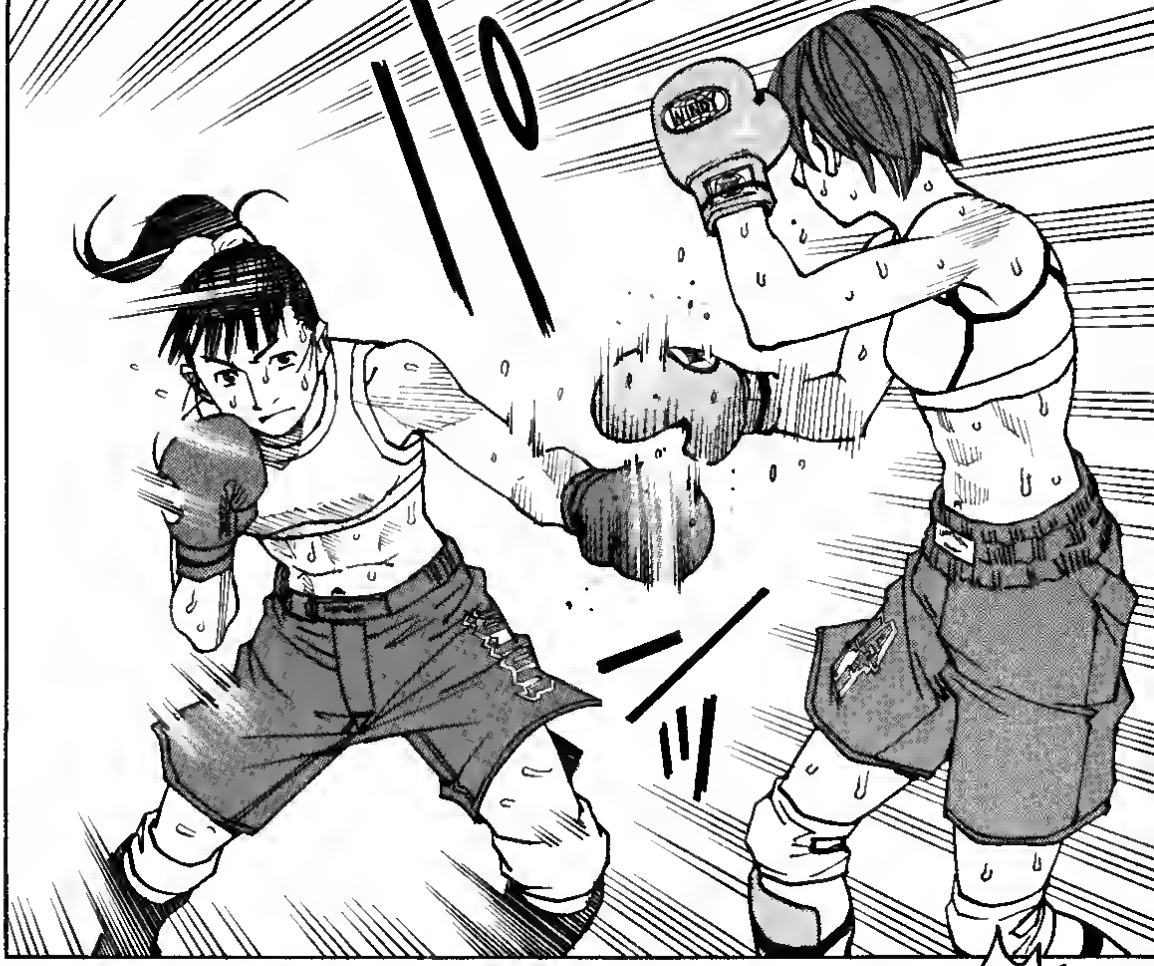

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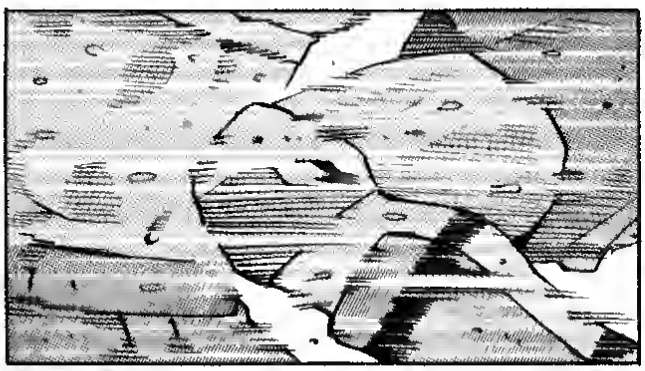
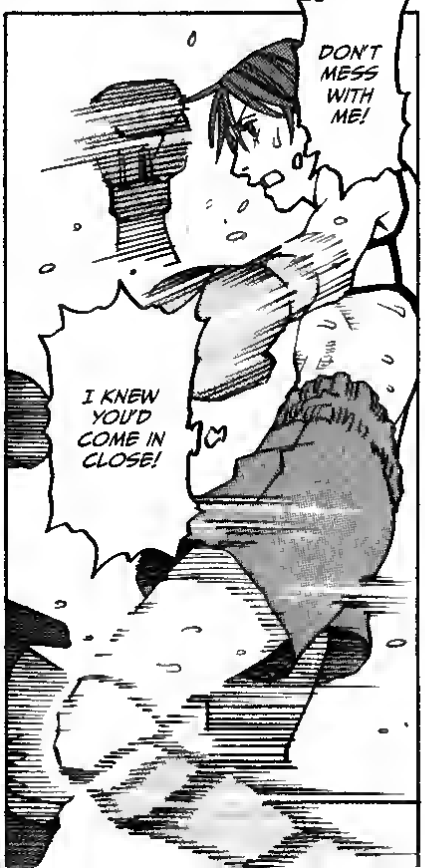
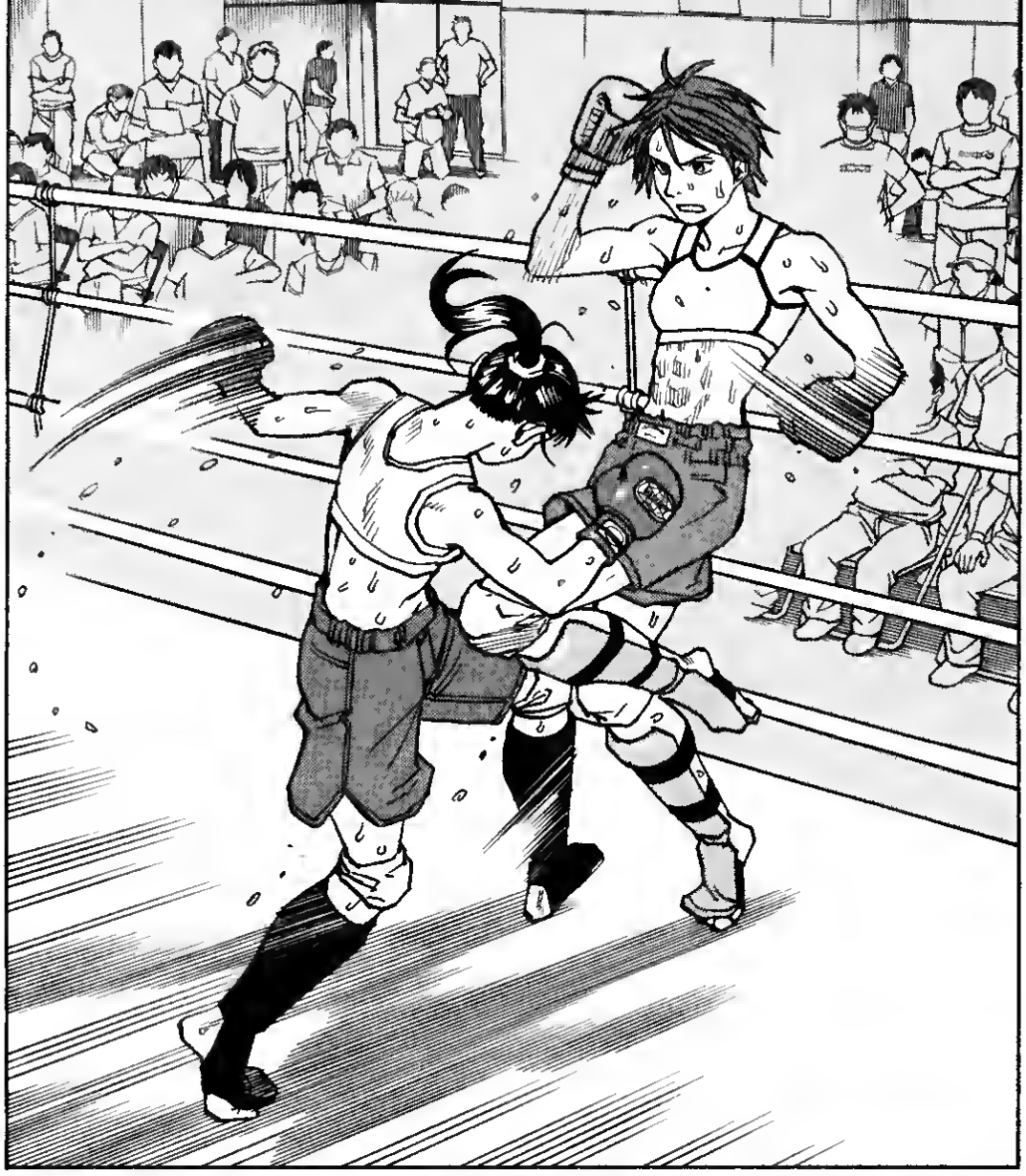
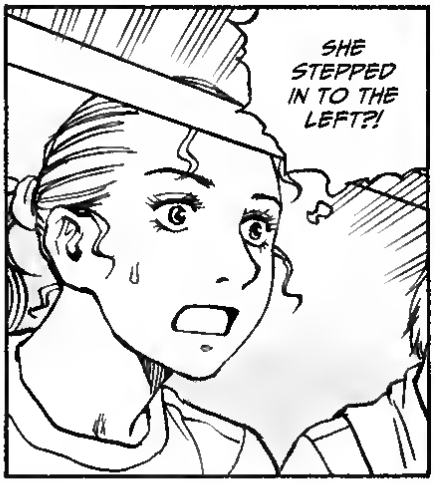
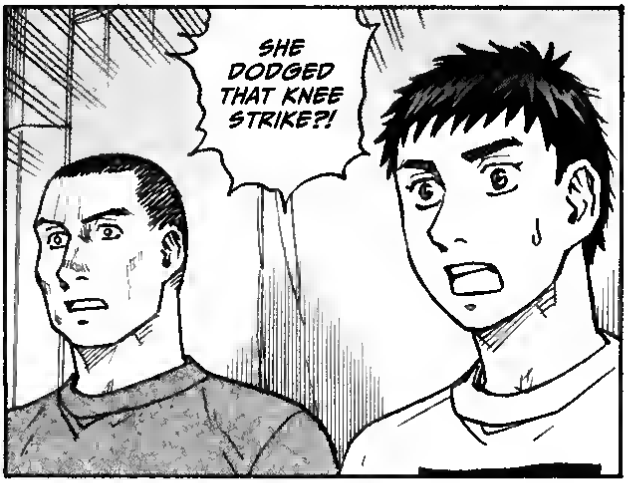



DON'T MESS WITH ME!
I KNEW YOU'D COME IN CLOSE!




SHE STEPPED IN TO THE LEFT?!


SHE DODGED THAT KNEE STRIKE?!

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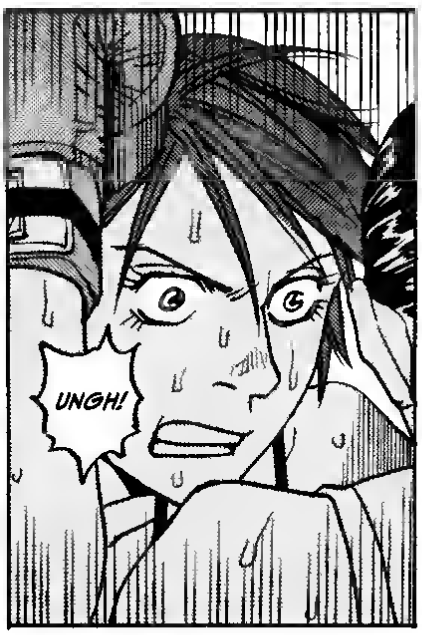
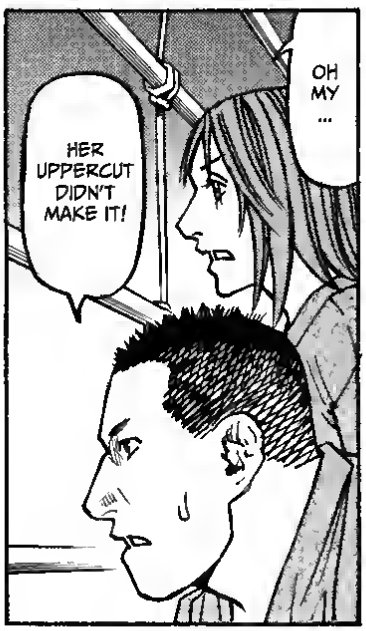
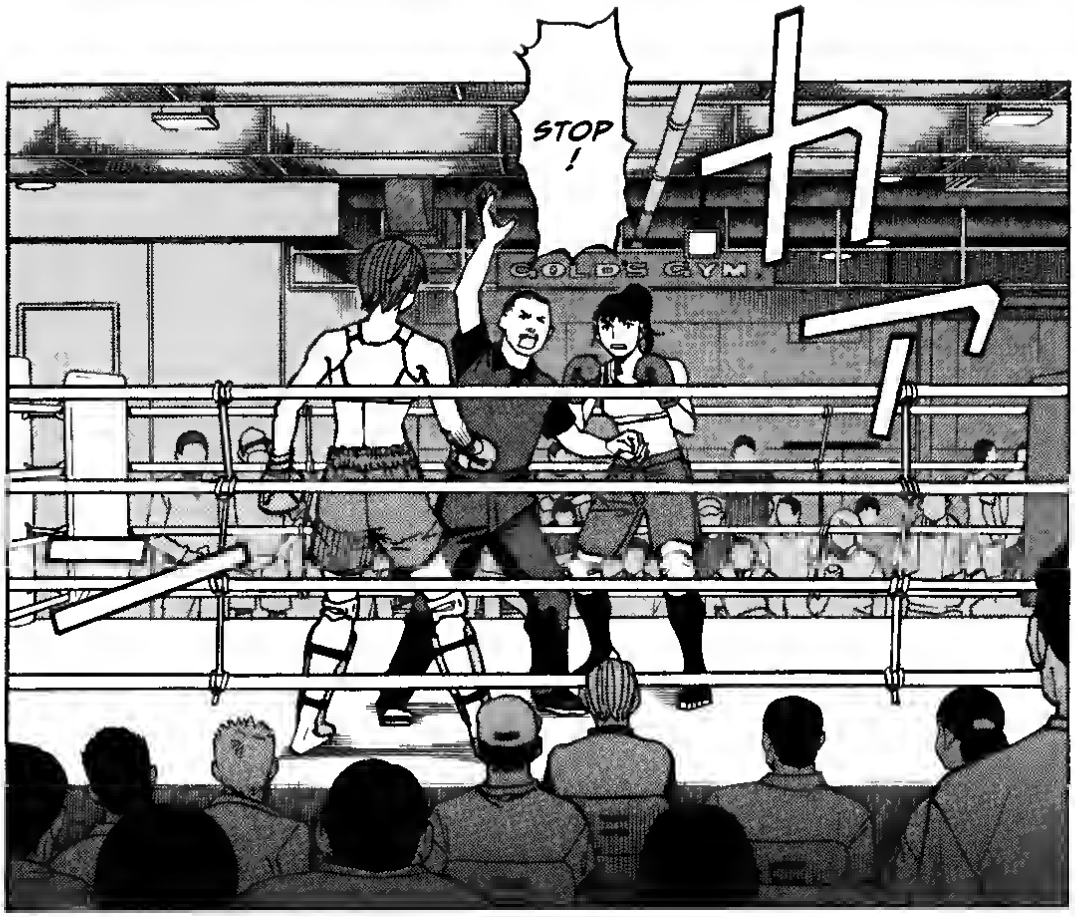
LUMPINEE


UNGH!

WINDY


OH MY ...
HER UPPERCUT DIDN'T MAKE IT!

I MISSED!


STOP!
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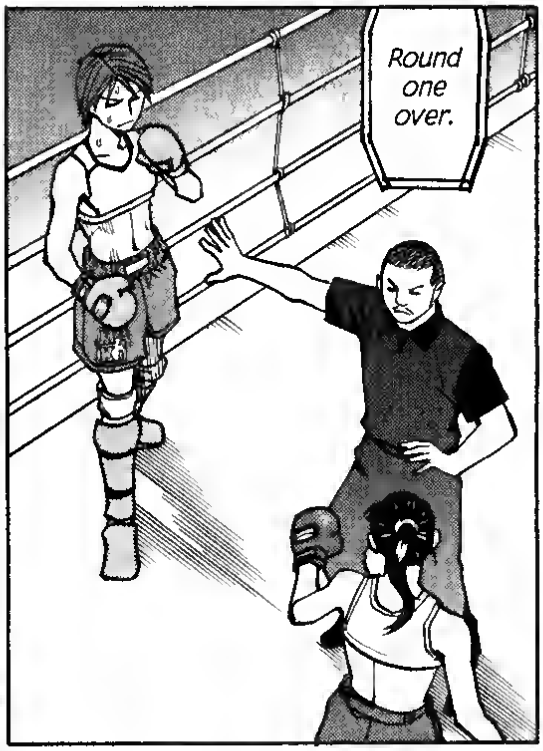
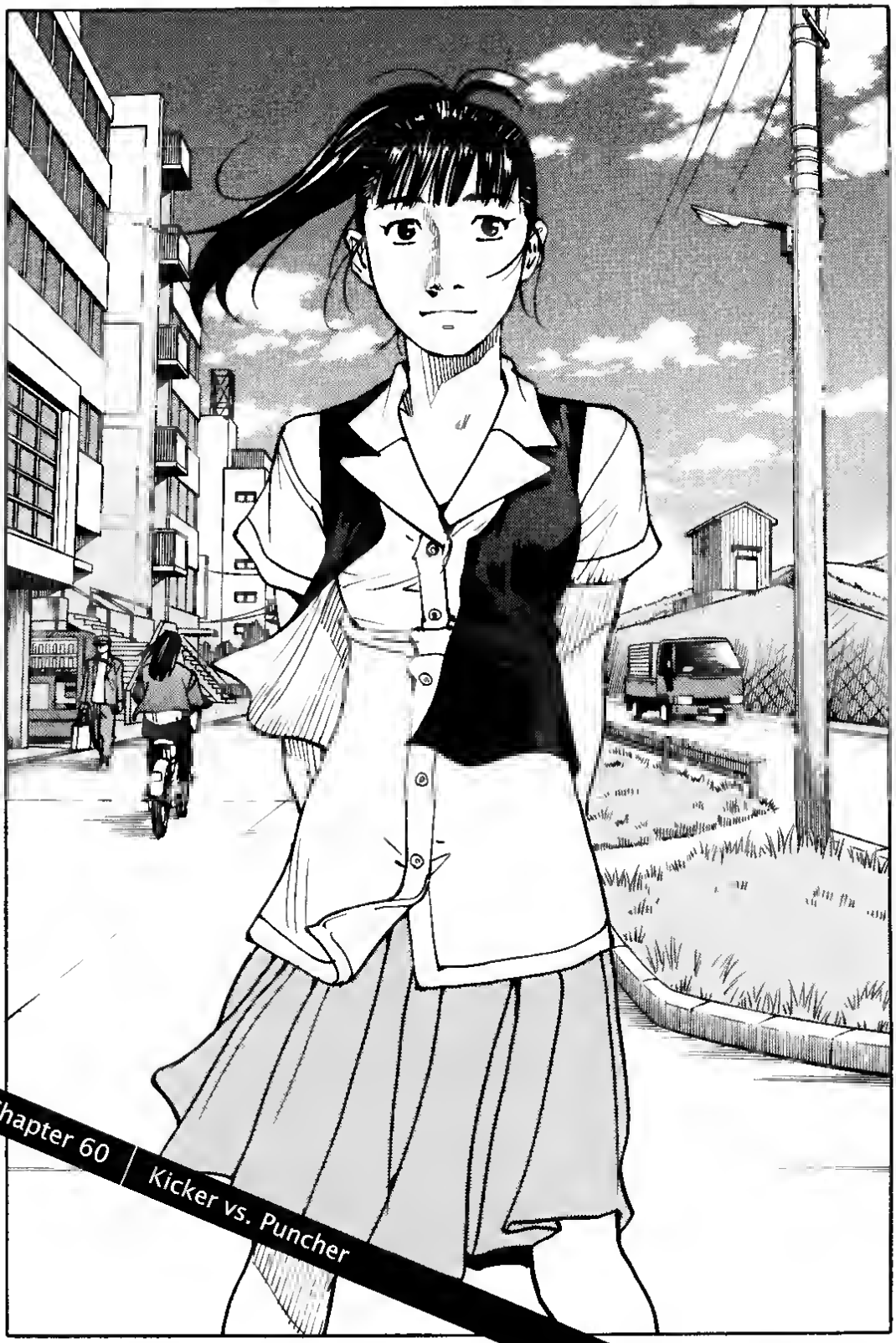
GOLD'S GYM

THAT UPPER WAS PRETTY DAMN CLOSE...
SHE WOULD'VE GOT MAKI IF SHE'D JUST EXTENDED A LITTLE MORE...


Round one over.

THIS IS GONNA BE A TOUGH FIGHT...
SHE'S GONNA LOSE THAT TENSION IN THE SECOND ROUND...
YOU MUST STIFLE HER PUNCHES!
HUFF
NO
HUFF
SHE'S STARTING TO GET THE MEASURE OF YOUR LEG AND BODY KICKS.
ROUND TWO'S GOTTA BE ALL ABOUT THE FRONT KICKS AND CLINCHES!
SHE'S NOT EVEN ANSWERING IN WORDS...
THAT LIVER PUNCH MUST'VE REALLY GOT TO HER...

...WHICH IS STRONGER ...
LISTEN, WE'RE GONNA SEE...
SHE'S GONNA COME AT YOU WITH THE CLINCH NEXT!
WELL DONE, AYA! YOU'RE LOOSENING UP, AREN'T YOU?
YOU HAVE TO BRING HER DOWN!
RIGHT!
...HER KICKS OR YOUR PUNCHES!
WINDY



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Hahh
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RAISE YOUR ARMS, MAKI!
DEEP BREATH!
MAKI
USE THE CLINCH TO KNOCK HER DOWN.
YOU'VE JUST GOTTA KEEP HER OUT OF PUNCHING RANGE!
...PUSH HER AWAY WITH A FRONT KICK!
LISTEN, IF YOU WANT TO AVOID ANY MORE BODY BLOWS...
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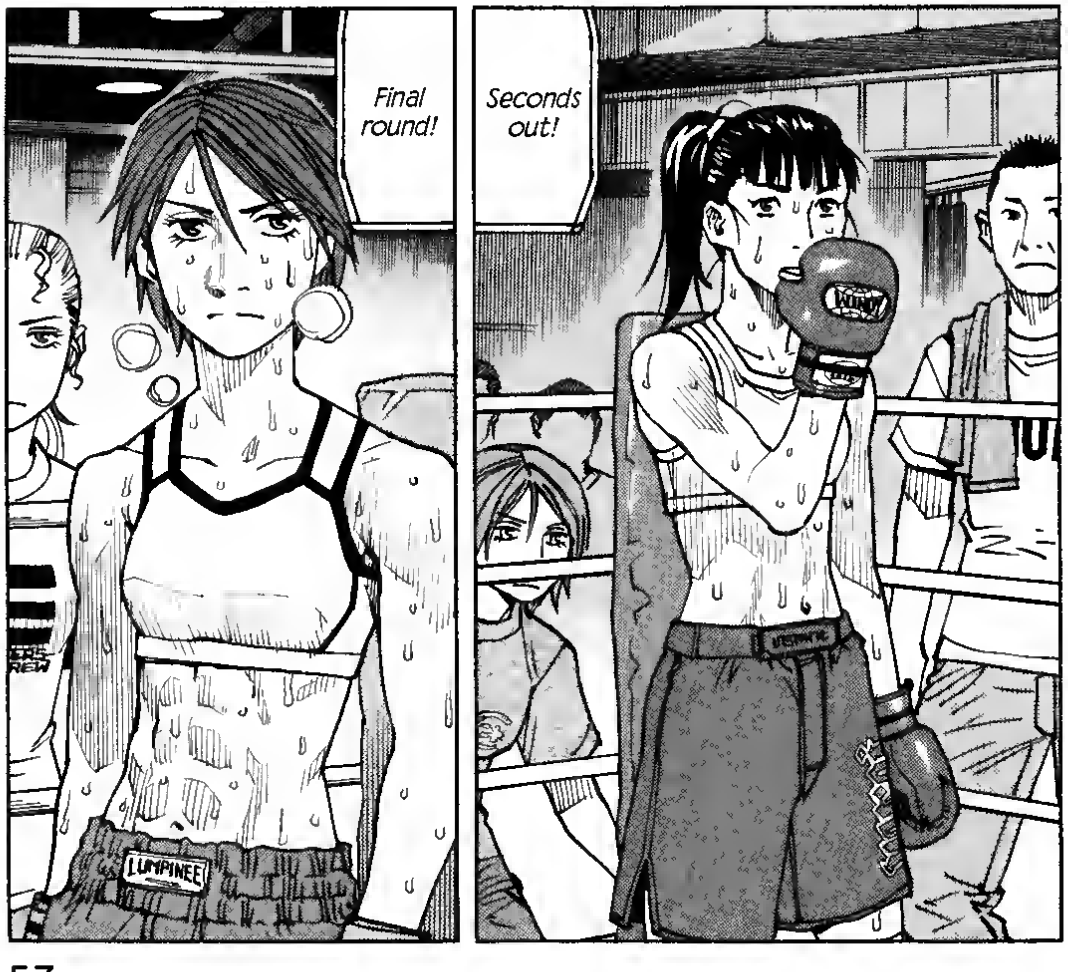
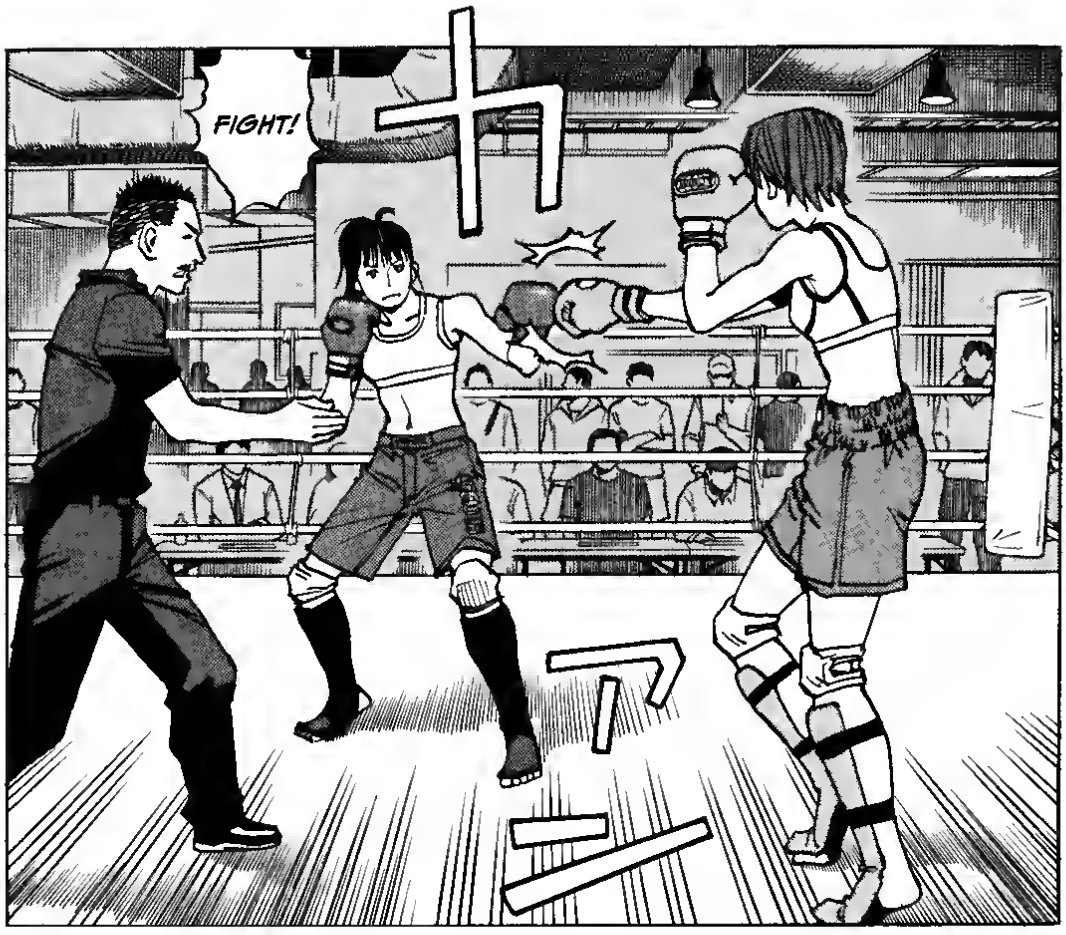
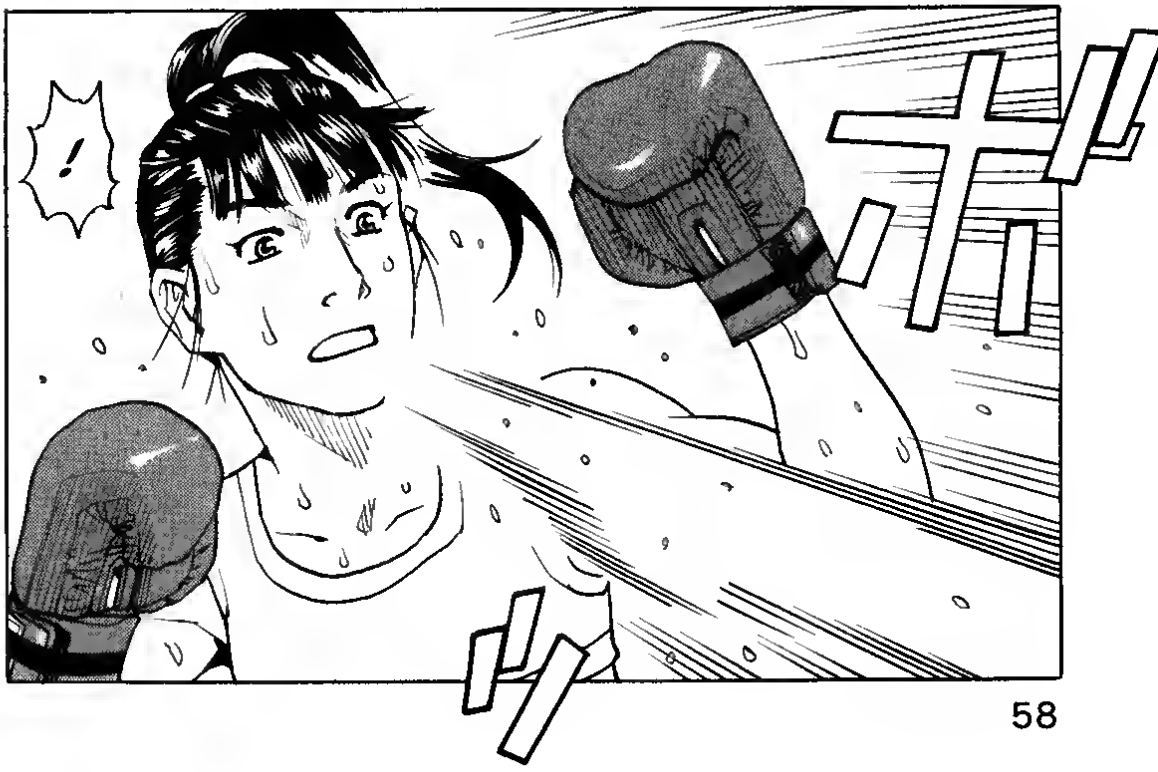
LISTEN, YOU CAN'T GO STRAIGHT IN THERE.
GO AROUND TO THE LEFT!
GOT IT!
THEN IT'S RIGHT UP FROM THE STOMACH TO THE FACE!


Seconds out!
Final round!
LUMPINEE


FIGHT!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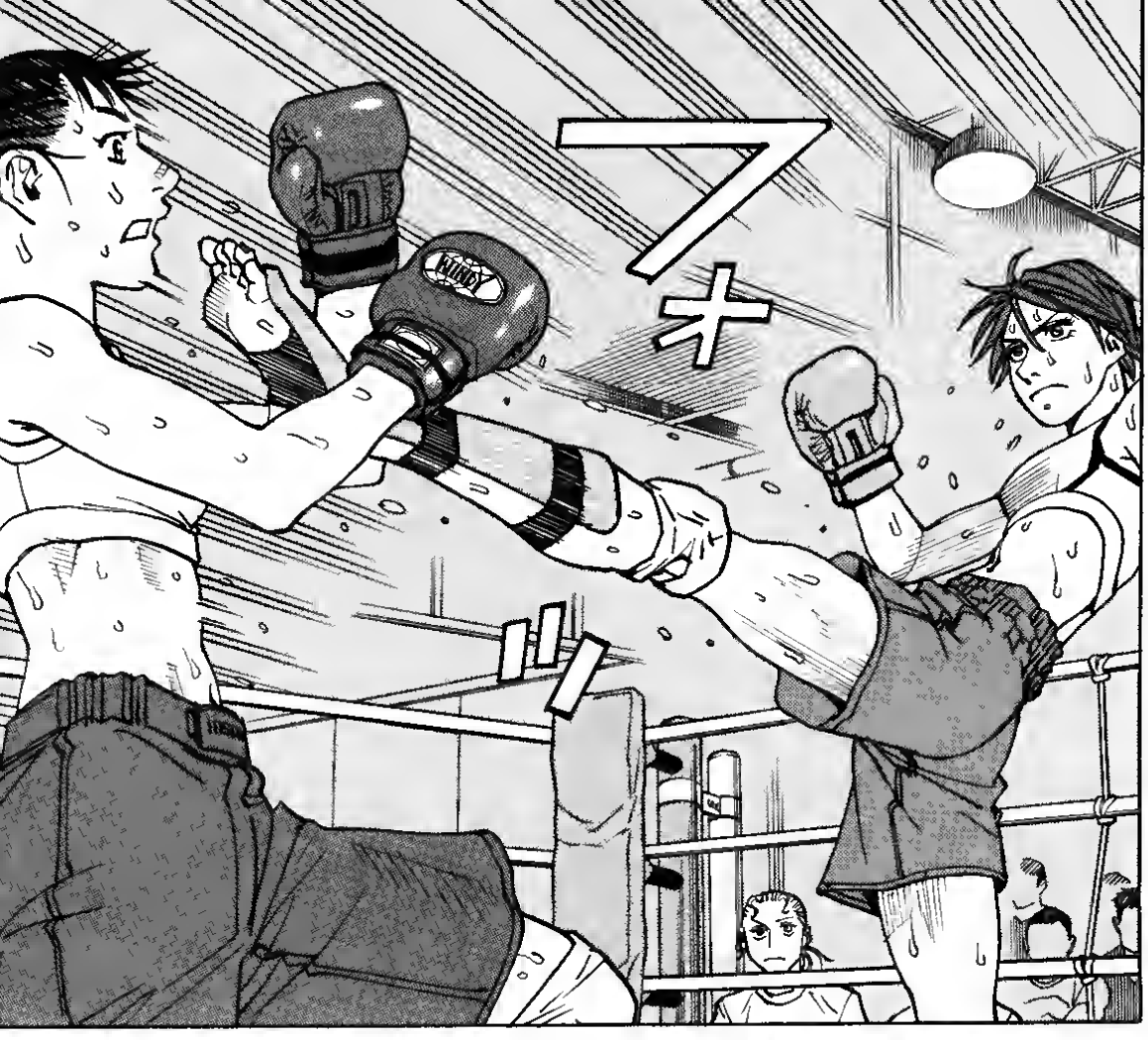
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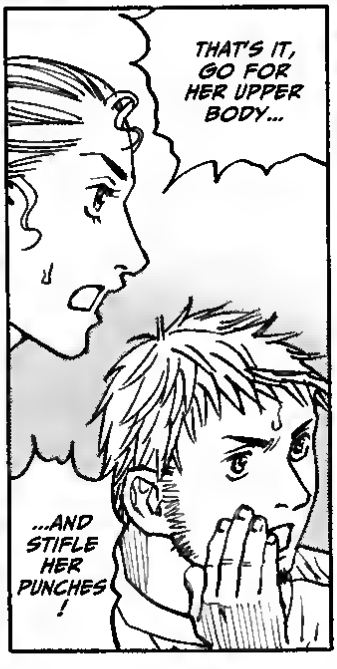
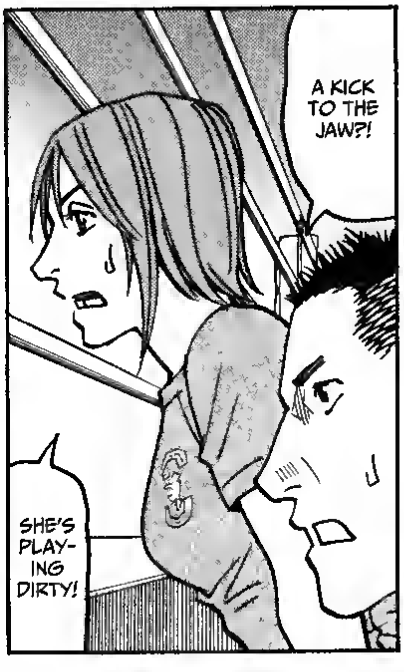
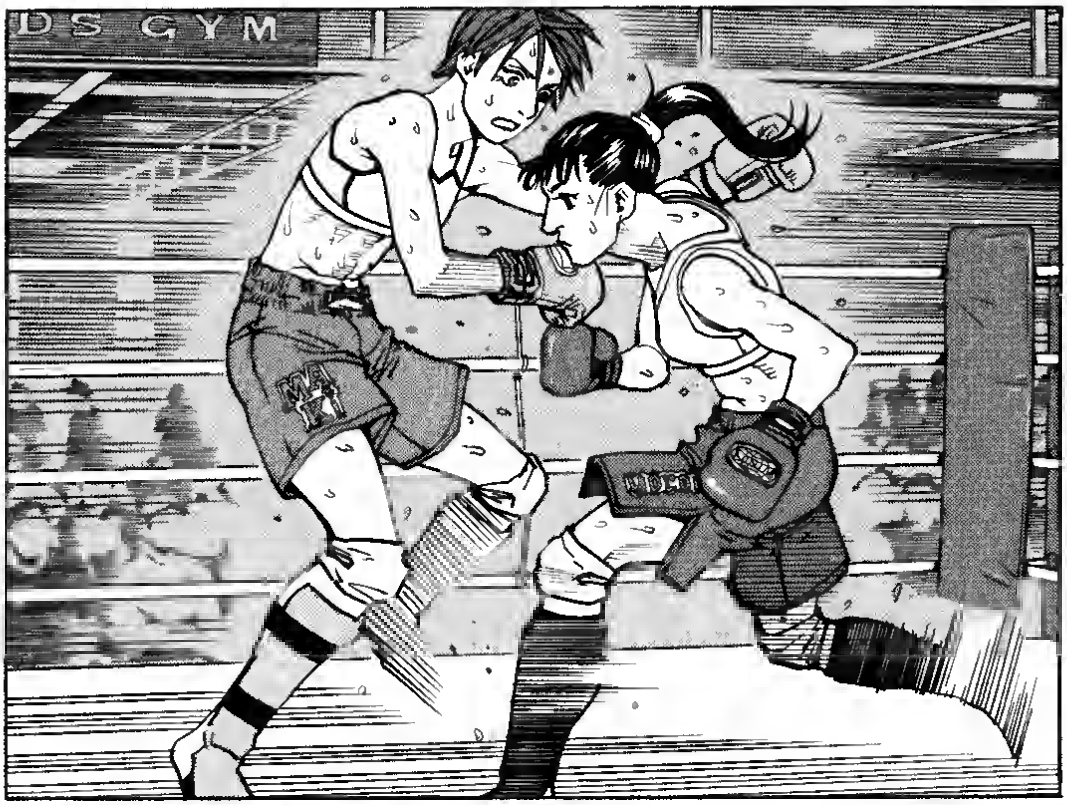

THAT'S IT, GO FOR HER UPPER BODY...
...AND STIFLE HER PUNCHES!


A KICK TO THE JAW?!
SHE'S PLAY-ING DIRTY!

...THERE'S NOTHING FROM THE RIGHT!
I CAN'T TELL IF IT'S GONNA BE A LEFT MIDDLE KICK OR A FRONT KICK.
BUT...
I JUST HAVE TO CALM DOWN AND CIRCLE AROUND TO THE LEFT...
I CAN DODGE THAT WITH A HEAD SLIP!
WINDY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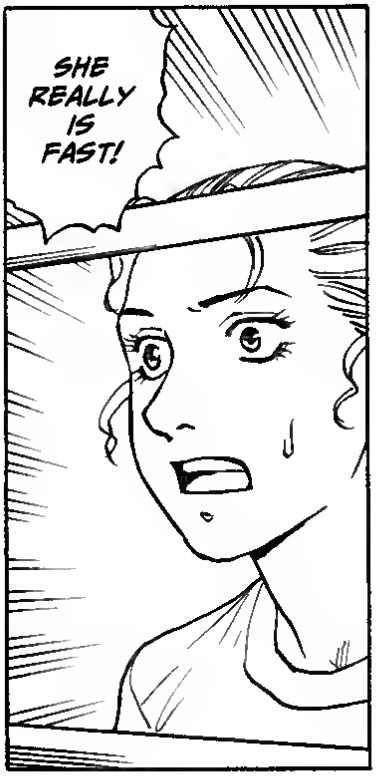
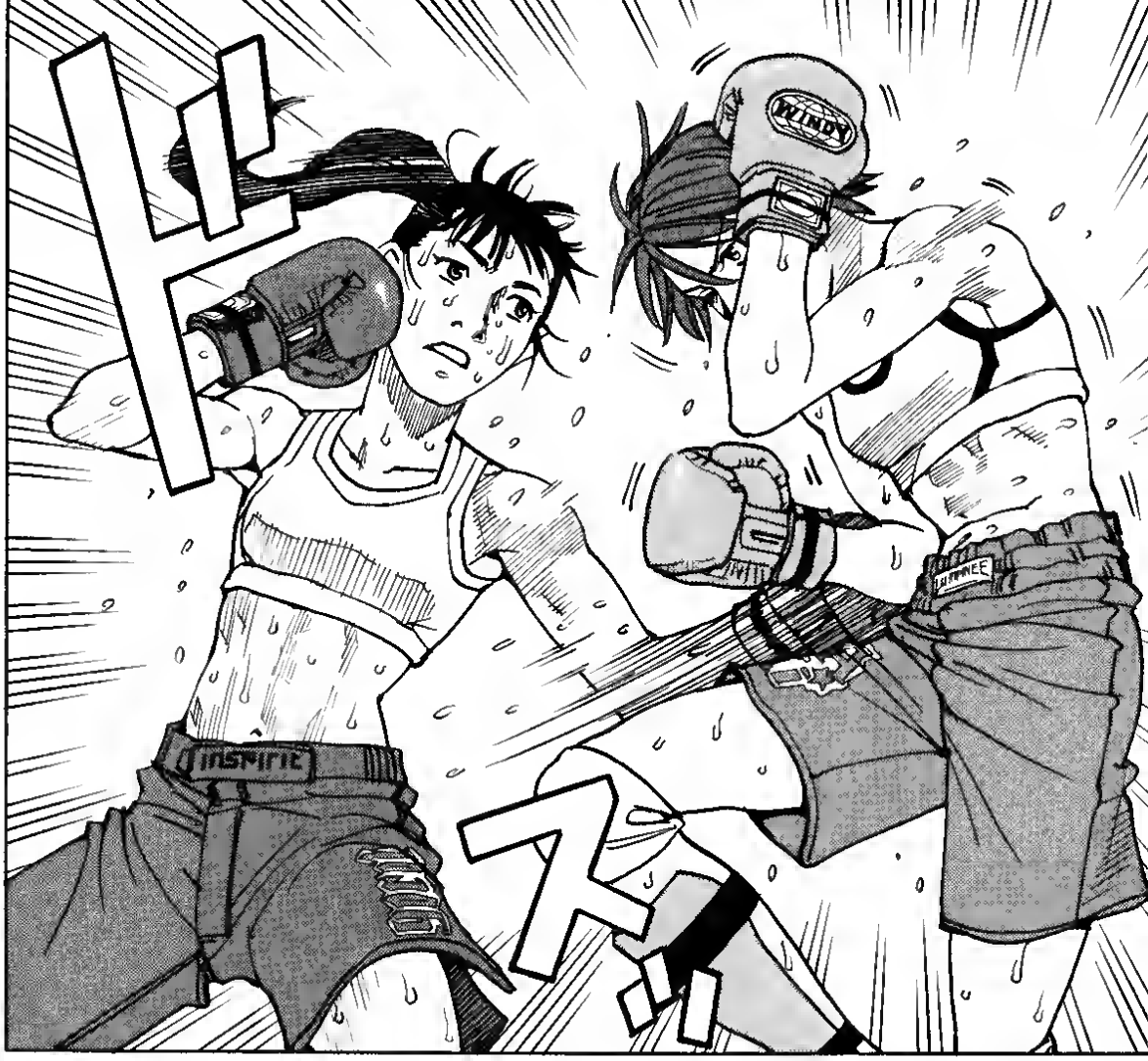
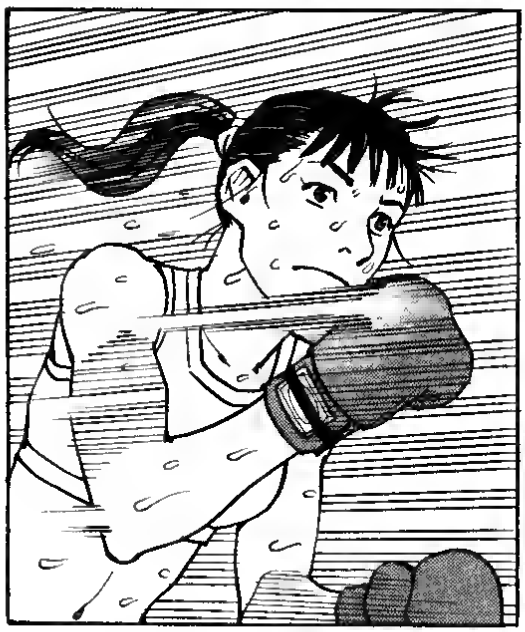
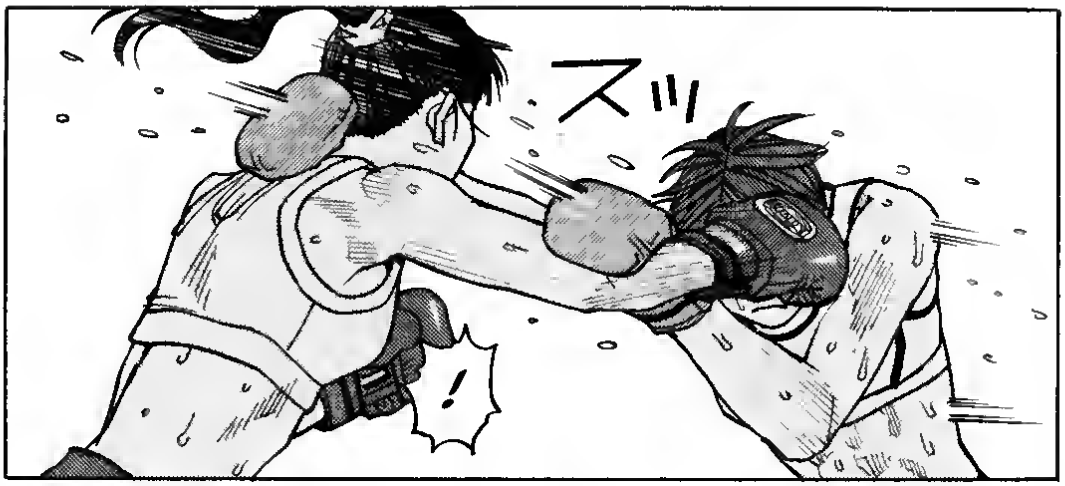

SHE REALLY IS FAST!

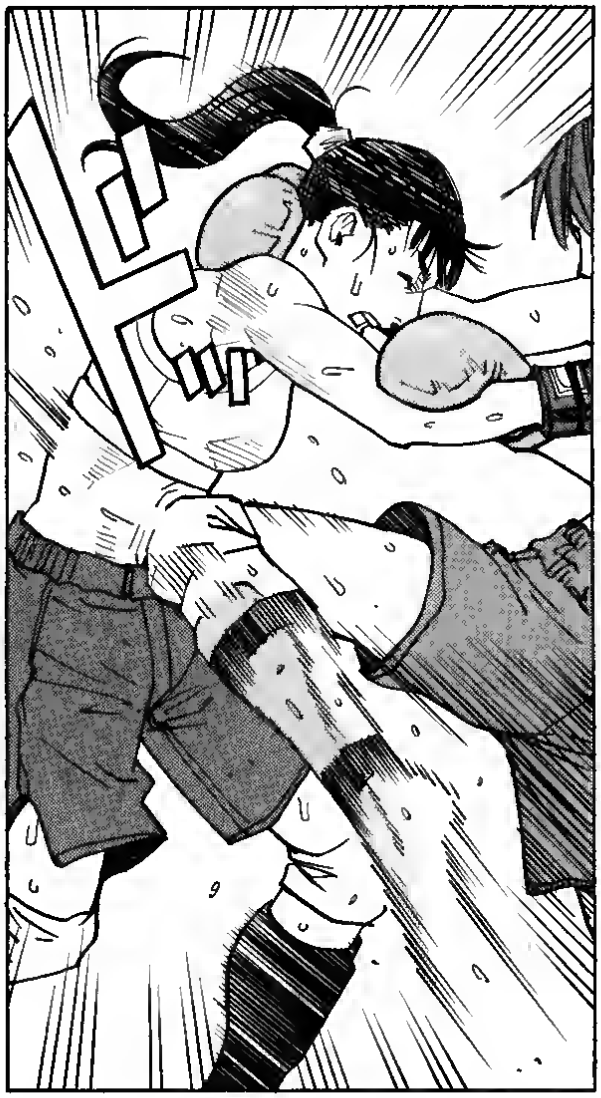

WINDY
INSPIRIT



BUT...
THAT'S A CLASSIC STEP-IN FOR A BODY BLOW.
UH-OH!
FIGHTERS BREW



...IF SHE GOES IN FOR A PUNCH...
...SHE'LL BE WITHIN CLINCH RANGE.



AND KAMIYA'S GOT THE LONGER REACH.

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WAH
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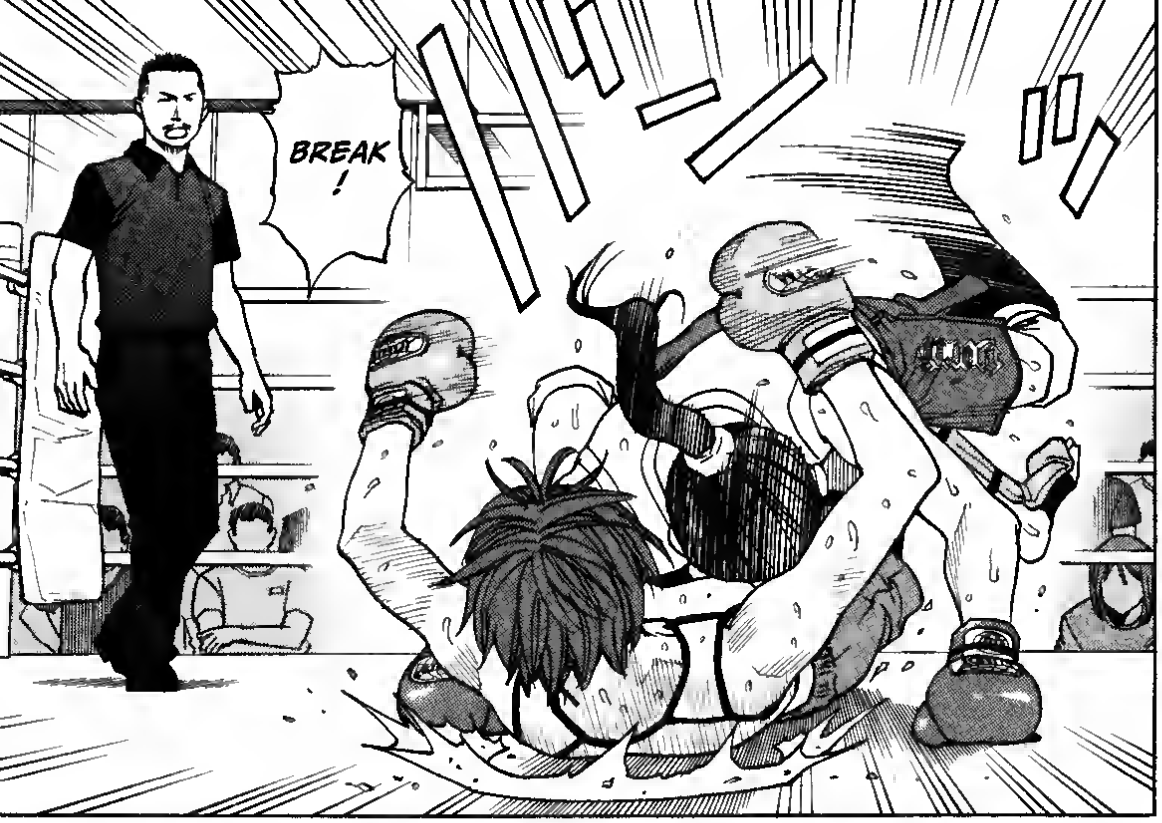
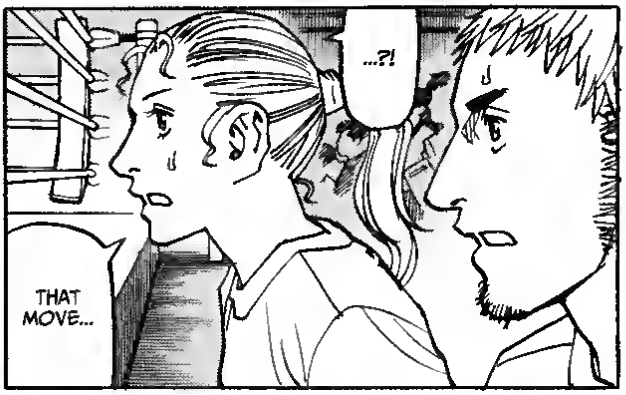
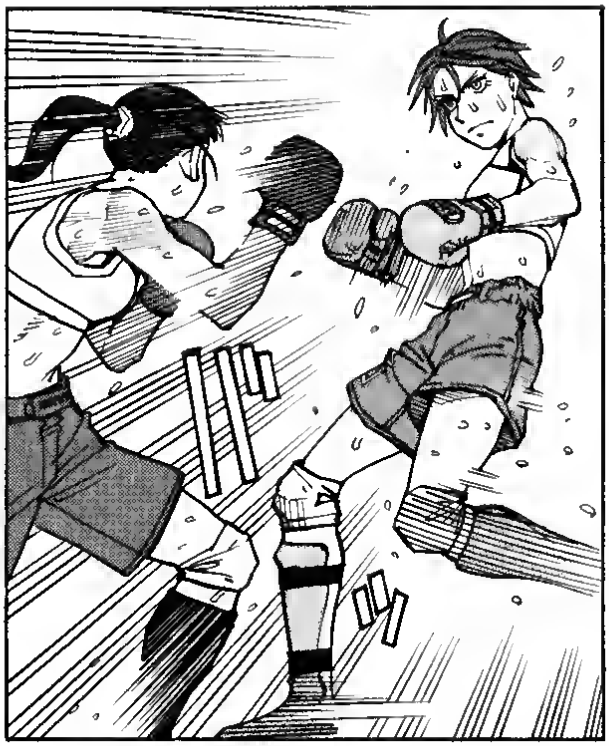

BREAK!

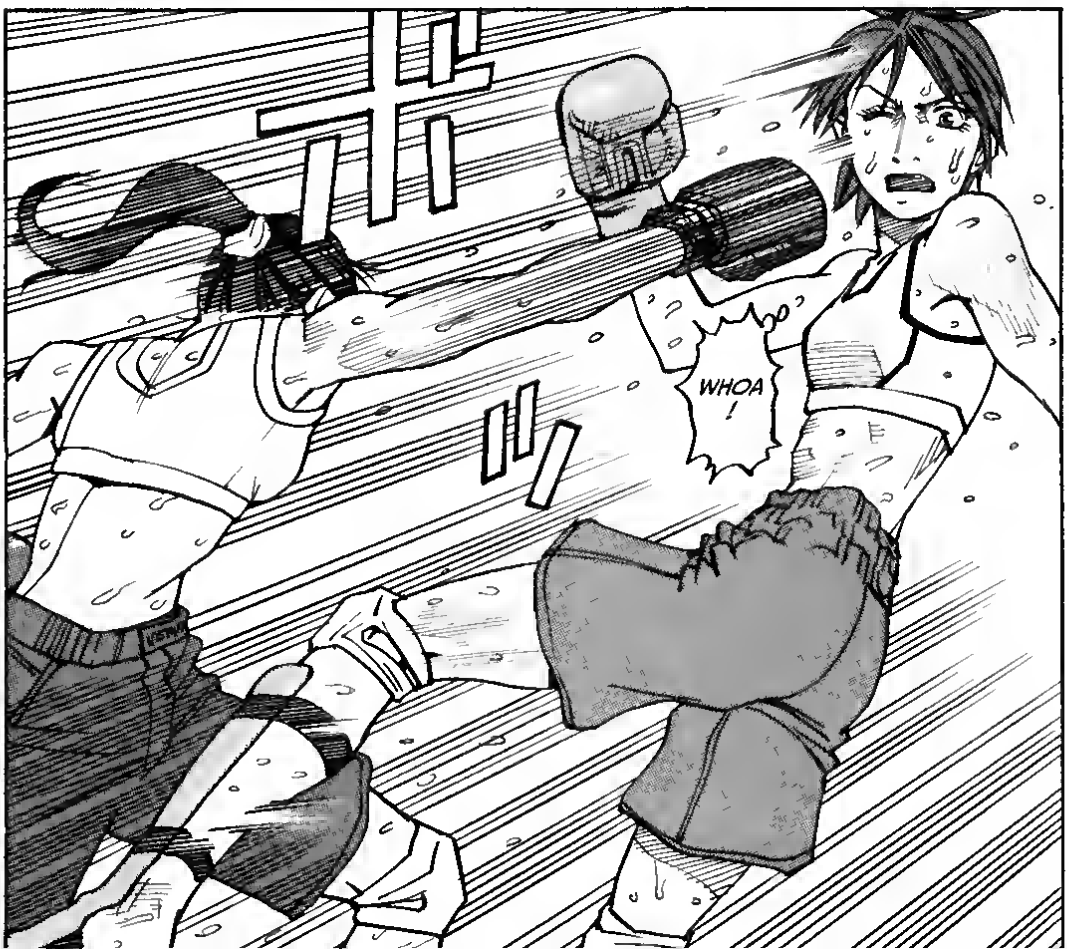
AYA! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! TAKE YOUR TIME!


...?!
THAT MOVE...

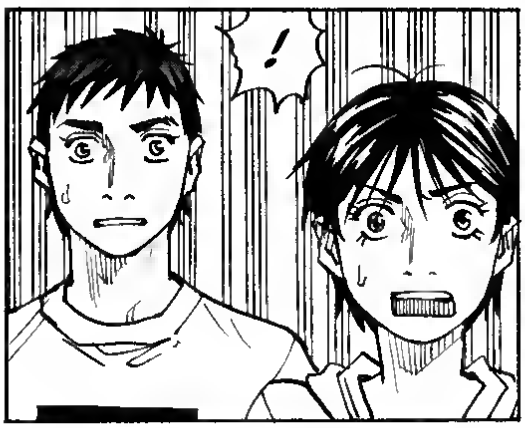
NEXT TIME I'LL DOCK YOU!
FRONTAL FORCE-DOWNS ARE ILLEGAL.
OH!
SORRY...



DID SHE JUST...
...TWIST HER SHOULDERS TO GET OUT OF THAT COLLAR TIE?
FIGHT!


WHOA!

THAT WAS CLOSE!
SHE COUNTERED MAKI'S INSIDE LEG KICK?!
SHE'S COMING AGAIN, MAKI!
A BODY BLOW?!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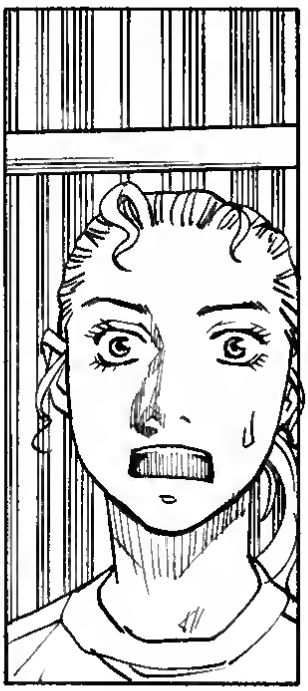
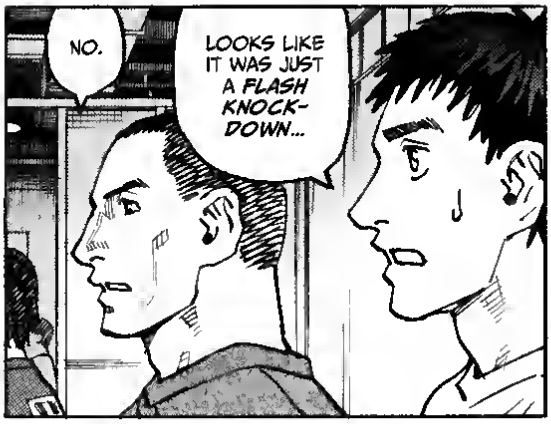
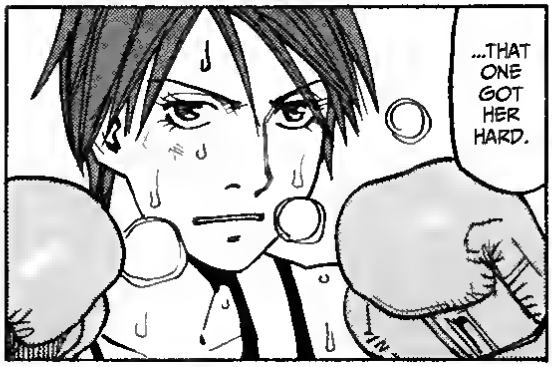


...AND WENT FOR THE FACE!
SHE FEINTED A BODY BLOW...

DOWN!
ONE!
TWO!
INSPIRE


NO.
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS JUST A FLASH KNOCK-DOWN...


...THAT ONE GOT HER HARD.

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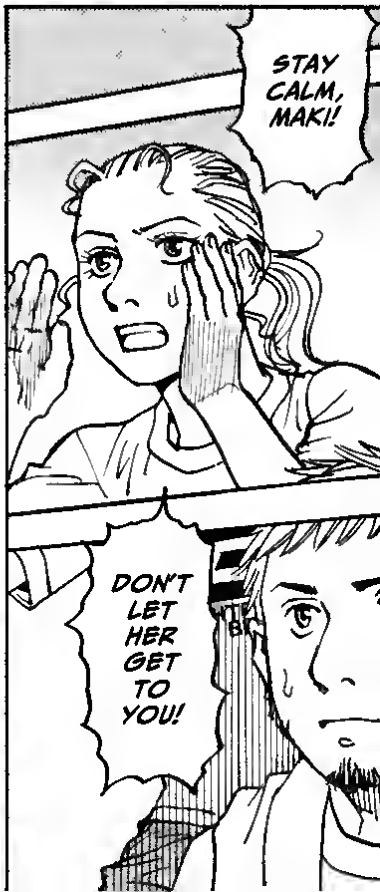
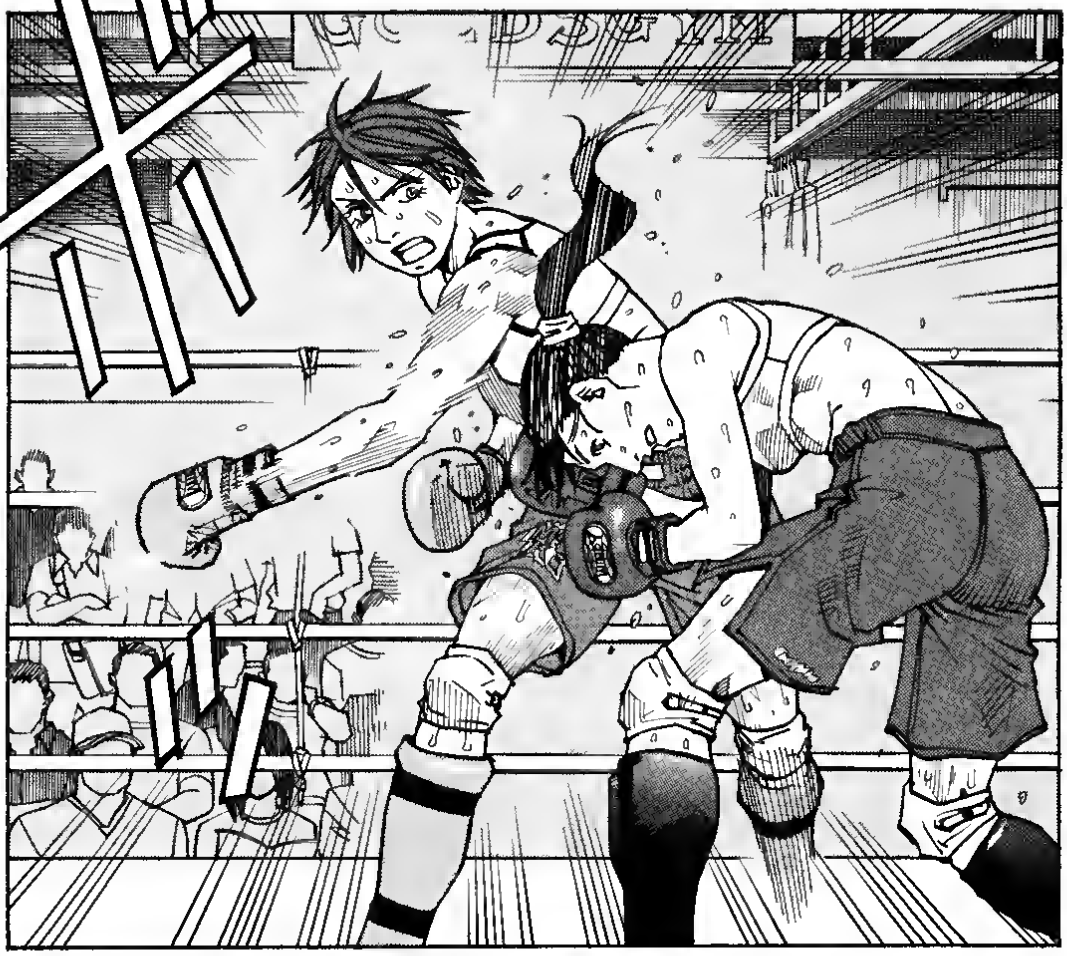
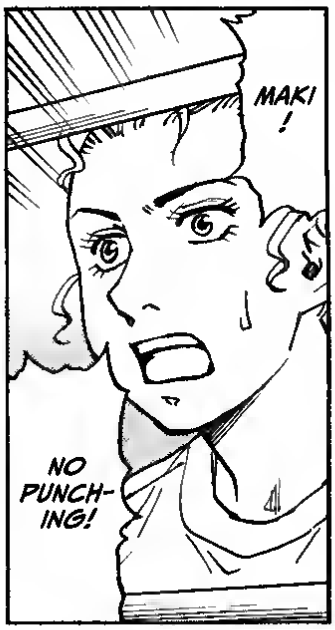
FIGHT!
EAST

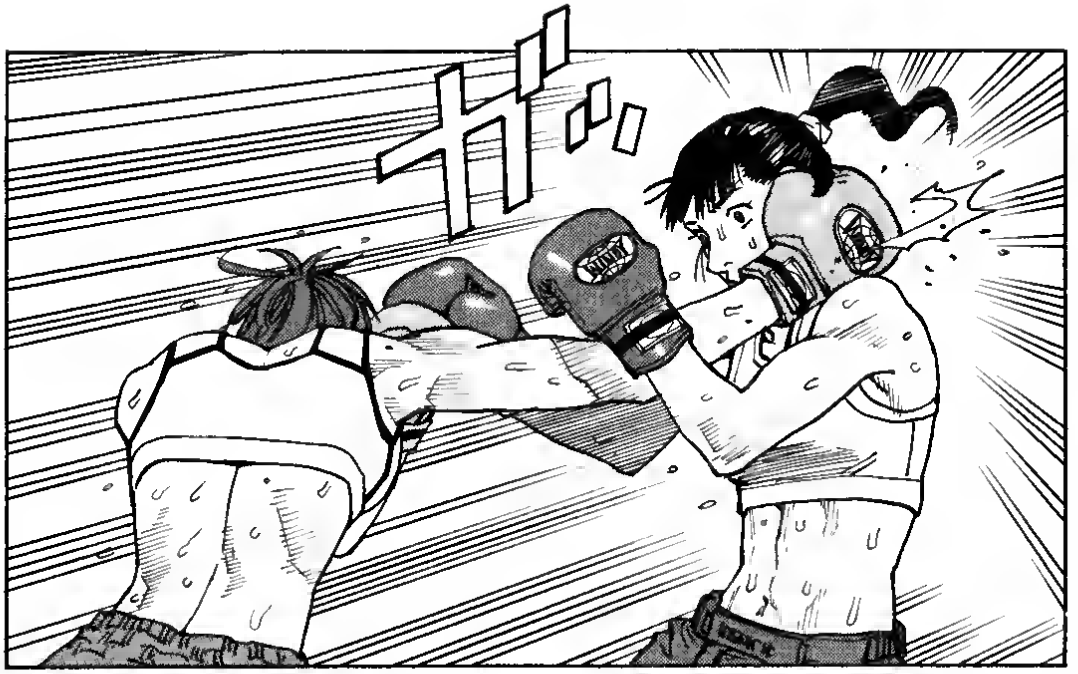

STAY CALM, MAKI!
DON'T LET HER GET TO YOU!

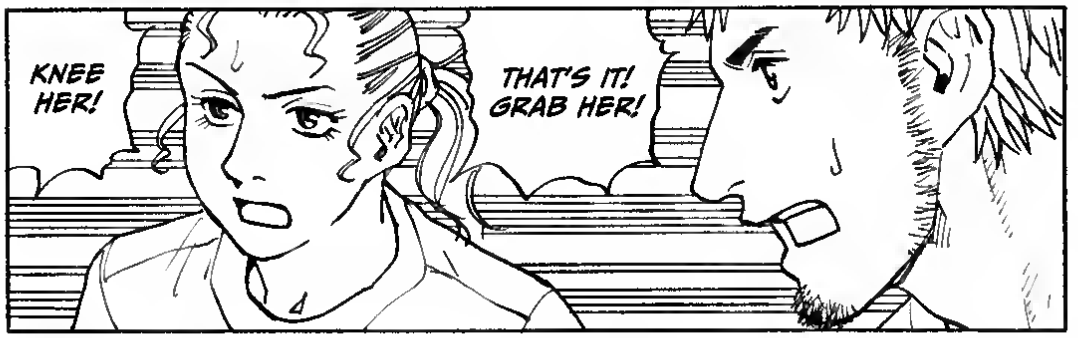


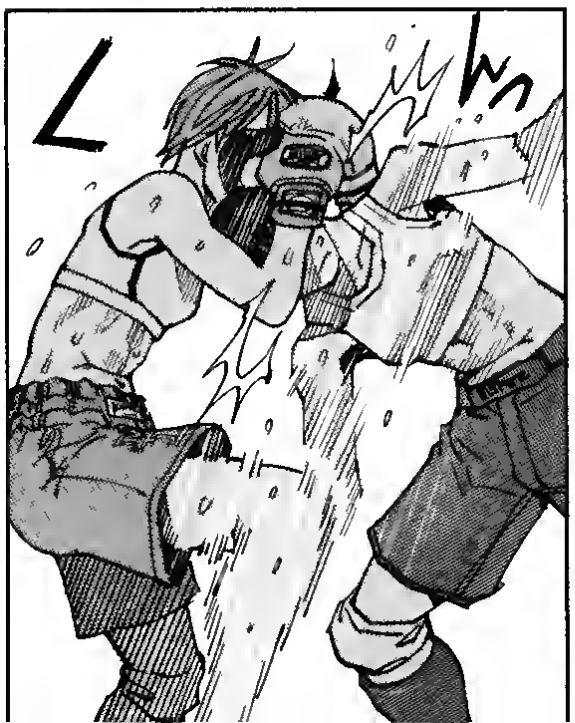
MAKI'S SPECIALTY IS HER LONG-RANGE MIDDLE KICK...
THIS IS BAD.
...AND HER CLINCH/KNEE COMBO.
FIGHTERS BREW

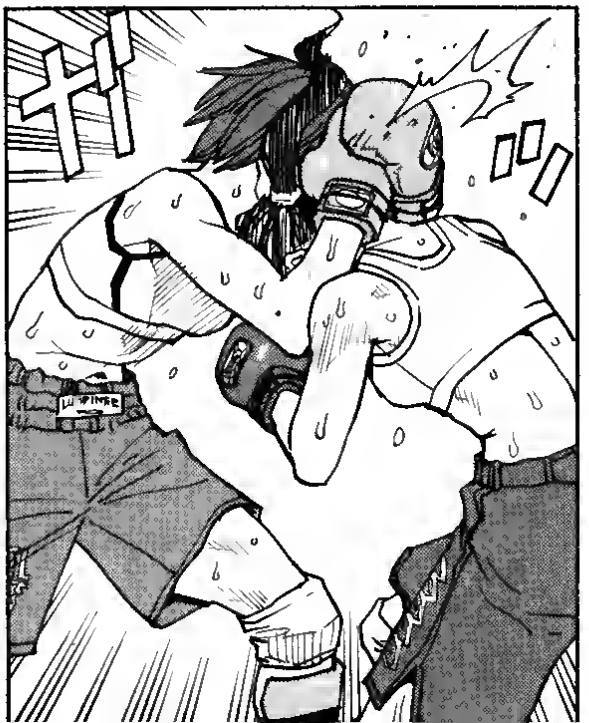

MAKI!
NO PUNCH-ING!

...HER REACH WORKS AGAINST HER...
IN A MIDDLE-RANGE FIGHT, ESPECIALLY WITH A HOOK...
...MAKING HER PUNCHES SLOWER.
DAMN IT!
DAMN IT!
DAMN IT!




KNEE HER!
THAT'S IT! GRAB HER!





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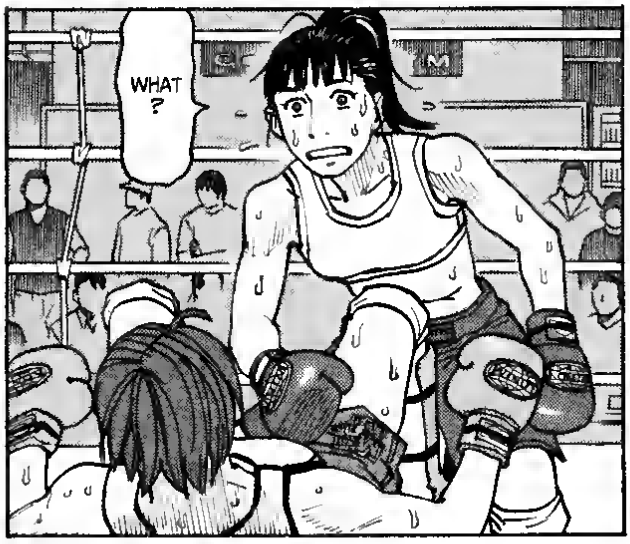
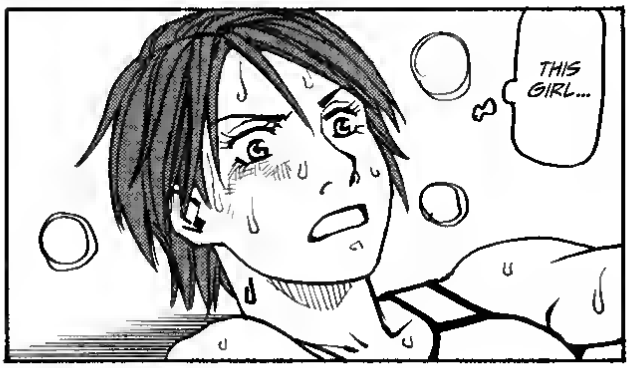
SQUEEZE

TIME OUT!
BREAK!


WHAT ?

MINUS ONE POINT FOR AN ILLEGAL CLINCH!
RED!


THIS GIRL...

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I KNEW IT...
THAT GIRL...
THAT MOVE...
YEAH, THAT WAS A SINGLE-LEG TAKEDOWN...
...IS AN *MMA* FIGHTER.